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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY - ENERGIZE YOUR LIFE!

"The first wealth is health." - Ralph Waldo Emerson



Regular physical activity substantially reduces the risk of dying of coronary heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death, and decreased the risk of stroke, colon cancer, diabetes, and high blood pressure. It also helps to control weight, contributes to healthy bones, muscles, and joints; reduces falls among older adults; helps to relieve the pain of arthritis; reduces symptoms of anxiety and depression; and is associated with fewer hospitalizations, physician visits, and medications. Moreover, physical activity need not be strenuous to be beneficial; people of all ages benefit from participating in regular, moderate-intensity physical activity, such as 30 minutes of brisk walking five or more times a week.

Despite the proven benefits of physical activity, more than 50 percent of American adults do not get enough physical activity to provide health benefits. Twenty-five percent of adults are not active at all in their leisure time. Activity decreases with age and is less common among women than men and among those with lower income and less education. Insufficient physical activity is not limited to adults. More than a third of young people in grades 9 - 12 do not regularly engage in vigorous-intensity physical activity. Daily participation in high school physical education classes dropped from 42 percent in 1991 to 32 percent in 2001 (CDC, 2002). For more information go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/physical/index.htm>

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Bee Wise, Secretary Bremby and Edgar Good Friends

MED-SOLUTIONS



The focus of **Free Meds and Solutions** is to provide you and your loved ones with programs that will assist you in your continuous effort

to save or eliminate prescription medicine costs as well as a number of associated assistance programs. Their website is designed to assist you in accessing the hundreds of Patient Assistant Programs. Approximately 170 pharmaceutical companies provide more than 1,000 prescription medications through Patient Assistant Programs. All of the medications are brand names. Major pharmaceutical sponsors provide FREE prescription medicines to more than 5.5 million patients in the United States of America annually. Prescription drugs are the fastest-growing part of the nation's health care expense. For many of Americans without prescription coverage, the problem is critical. To see if you or your family qualify, go to this web address <http://www.freemedsandolutions.com>.

AHRQ EVIDENCE REPORT ON PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES



New AHRQ, Agency for Healthcare and Research Quality, evidence report helps hospitals respond to bioterrorism or other public health emergencies. As part of its public health and emergency preparedness portfolio, AHRQ has released the new evidence report, Training of Hospital Staff to respond to a Mass Casualty Incident. Developed by AHRQ's Johns Hopkins University Evidence-based Practice Center in Baltimore, the new report is a follow-up to a 2002 report entitled Training of Clinicians for Public Health Events Relevant to Bioterrorism Preparedness. It identifies key elements to be used in evaluating hospital disaster drills. The new evidence report provided the science behind another recently released AHRQ tool entitled Evaluation of Hospital Disaster Drills: A Module-Based Approach. Go to <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcsums/hospmcsium.htm> to access the evidence report and go to <http://www.ahrq.gov/research/hospdrills/hospdrill.htm> to access the evaluation modules.

IN MEMORY



Mark Duncan, 39, Topeka, died Wednesday, July 7 in Topeka. Mark graduated from Emporia State University in 1987, earning a bachelor's degree in earth science.

Mark worked at Kansas Department of Health and Environment as the Chief of Compliance and Enforcement for the Bureau of Waste Management. Mark had worked at KDHE for 12½ years. He was also owner of Second Chance Woods. Mark was the Kansas representative at the Midwest Environmental Enforcement Association, a licensed geologist, and a soccer coach for several years. Mark was a loving husband, father, son, brother and friend. Surviving are his wife, Lisa, daughter, Kimberly, son, Michael, a sister, a brother, and his parents. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, July 12, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Topeka. Mark will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and coworkers.



TRAIN



Check out Kansas Train at <http://ks.train.org>, to register for, *Medical Management of the Contaminated Patient* and/or *Risk Communication: A Team Approach*. This venue is being used to manage online registration and student rosters for public health conferences and workshops.

Register on **KS-TRAIN** to Create Your Own Learner Record: <http://ks.train.org>



Click on register on the left hand side of the screen under login



Complete the instructions in filling out the information on the subsequent pages



Write down your User ID and Password

How to Search for **Kansas** Courses: Log into <http://ks.train.org>



Click on the "Course Search" tab



On the left hand side of the screen, click on "Browse My State Only"



Click on the desired course title



To register for a **live** course, click on the Registration tab; click the word "Register" to the right of the session you want to attend.

Get on board the KS-TRAIN! For further information, contact the KS-TRAIN Administrator, Linda Frazier, Public Health Workforce Development Coordinator, at 785-296-3641, e-mail:

lfrazier@kdhe.state.ks.us, or the KS-TRAIN Conductor, Debbie Nickels at dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us.

PREPARACIÓN Y RESPUESTA PARA CASOS DE EMERGENCIA



CDC has expanded its version of the Spanish Emergency Preparedness and Response site. The new site is organized and structured the same as the English version, and will make it easier for Spanish speakers to find emergency preparedness information. <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/es/>

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS 2004 Schedule

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

September 22

November - Date to be announced

North Central Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates and locations are:

August 24 Belleville

October 26 Lincoln

December 7 Abilene

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 or Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

September 9

December 9

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

August 12

October 14

December 9

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Holiday Park Motel, 3030 S. Santa Fe, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

August 5

November 4

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Garden City. Location to be announced. Dates are:

September 17

November 19

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Rosie Sadowske, ARNP - will be retiring from the Sedgwick County Health Department on August 20. Rosie has worked for the Sedgwick County Health Department for 14 years. The last 10 years Rosie has worked in the Refugee Clinic. Rosie has served in many positions at the health department: Family Planning, STDs, Immunizations, Child Health, TB, Free to Know, Home Visiting, etc. But, Rosie states, "The most rewarding of all has been my work with the refugees." "I have met people from all over the world and learned so much from each one. It was a privilege to be one of the first 'official' contacts they had in the United States after they had come from some very difficult situations in their home countries." Rosie will be missed and her work was an asset to the Refugee Health Program.

Shirley Witchey, ARNP - will be the new contact for Refugee Health at Sedgwick County Health Department.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Next Influenza Pandemic



To help public health officials and hospital administrators prepare for the next influenza pandemic, CDC, Center for Disease Control, has developed FluSurge 1.0, a specialized spreadsheet-based software that estimates the potential surge in demand for hospital-based health care during a pandemic. FluSurge is a companion to the previously released FluAid 2.0, which provides estimates of the total deaths, hospitalizations, and outpatient visits that might occur during an influenza pandemic. For more information or how to receive this software and manuals free go to:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5325a7.htm>

KWIC Up and Running

by Pete Kitch



Now that KWIC is up and running we are occasionally asked why PHClinic and KWIC aren't interfaced in order to share client, immunization and appointment data. When the KWIC planning process was started KIPHS was graciously invited by KDHE to be a partner in the planning process. Larry Garrett and I were even included in two site visits (Washington and New Mexico) as a part of the survey team. We provided extensive input in to the plan development and at one point USDA indicated that interfacing the two applications made a lot of sense.

During the RFP process Starling Consulting was very supportive of the idea and we worked out a conceptual schema for how the interface could work. In fact, I accompanied Greg Starling to his final RFP review presentation in which we proposed to interface the two systems at no additional cost beyond Starling's base bid (the cost of the interface had been separated out as an optional cost in the bid documents). However, during the contract negotiations it became clear USDA would not fund any aspects of the interface activity. Thus although Starling, KIPHS, and KDHE were in agreement as to the benefit to be derived from the interface, USDA in essence prevented any WIC system funding from being used for its development.

Still, the potential benefits remain the same. PHClinic is now installed in 97 Kansas counties. The newest version of our database product provides better support for an interface. We have been asked by KALHD to submit a proposal for the development of the interface and are willing to proceed whenever the funding is available. Finally, we are committed as we move forward with other community level public health system components such as PHDisease Management and PHSurveillance to provide a fully integrated solution in Kansas.



Workforce Training Needs Assessment

Heartland Centers for Public Health Workforce Development

In order to identify and prioritize training needs, a KDHE Workforce Training Needs Assessment was completed recently in partnership with the Heartland Center. The next step being planned is an assessment of the Kansas local public health and environment workforce. A three-part series of articles is being sent to Kansas local health departments over the next three months to educate the workforce on:

1. What are the **core functions, essential services, and core competencies** of public health?
2. Where do the daily activities of public health fit into the core competencies?
3. How will the Local Public Health Training Needs Assessment be carried out?

The information in these articles is recommended for all staff in the local health agency to review. The articles are being written to make the assessment, based on public health competencies, easier to understand. These articles will also be accessible at the KDHE Web site at:

http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/olrh/PH_Wkf_TranNA.htm

A Guidebook for Surveillance and Case Management

The MMWR, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, on June 11 presented a guidebook for Medical Examiners, Coroners and Biologic Terrorism. The federal, state, and local agencies have developed plans to detect and respond to terrorism by using a multidisciplinary approach that requires active participation of health-care providers, law enforcement, and public health and safety staff. Because medical examiners and coroners have expertise in disease surveillance, diagnosis, deceased body handling, and evidence collection, they serve a vital role in terrorism preparedness and response. They should ensure that their role in surveillance for unusual deaths and response to known terrorist events is a critical part of the multidisciplinary response team. Terrorism-related drills and practical exercises conducted by public health, law enforcement, and public safety agencies should include training on postmortem operations and services. The report maybe found at

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5308a1.htm>.

Skin Cancer Prevention

"There is good news: skin cancer can be prevented. The challenge, however, lies in changing the attitudes and behaviors that increase a person's risk of developing skin cancer."

- David Satcher, MD, PhD,
Surgeon General 1998-2002

The American Cancer society estimates that during 2004, about one million new cases of basal cell or squamous cell carcinoma and about 59,350 new cases of malignant melanoma will be diagnosed. It is also expected that skin cancer will claim the lives of approximately 9,800 Americans. Although death rates from basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas are low, these cancers can cause considerable damage and disfigurement if they are untreated. However, when detected early, approximately 95 percent of these carcinomas can be cured. Malignant melanoma is the deadliest of the skin cancers, and its incidence in the United States has increased rapidly in the past two decades. Melanoma accounts for approximately three fourths of all skin cancer deaths.



Exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays appears to be the most important environmental factor involved in the development of skin cancer. When used consistently, sun-protective practices can prevent skin cancer. UV rays from artificial sources of light, such as tanning beds and sunlamps, are as dangerous as those from the sun and should also be avoided. Although both tanning and burning can increase a person's risk of skin cancer, most Americans do not consistently protect themselves from UV rays. A survey sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that approximately 43 percent of white children under age 12 had at least one sunburn during the past year.

Interventions to reduce the risk of skin cancer:

- ❖ Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- ❖ Wear sun-protective clothing when exposed to sunlight (hats, sunglasses, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, etc.)
- ❖ Seek shade
- ❖ Use sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher
- ❖ Avoid artificial sources of ultraviolet light

Well-established risk factors for skin cancer:

- ❖ Family history of skin cancer
- ❖ Red or blonde hair
- ❖ Propensity to burn

❖ Inability to tan

For more information on skin cancer go to www.cdc.gov/cancer/nscpep/index.htm.

Public Health Nurse Supervisor



SEK-Multi County Health Department in Garnett has an opening for a RN supervisory position. This is a full time position with excellent benefits.

Qualifications: Graduation from an accredited school of nursing with a valid Kansas RN license, prefer a BSN degree. Public health experience or work experience appropriate to the needs of the position. Candidate should have good communication skills, be self motivated and reliable.

Applications are available from the SEK Multi County Health Department at 407 W 2nd Street, Garnett or 221 S Jefferson, Iola. The phone number to inquire about this position is 620-365-2191 or e-mail diane@mchd.kscoxmail.com

Adventures of Fun and Networking by the Survivors

On Tuesday, June 15, many public health officials from all corners of the great state of Kansas convened for a leisurely evening at the Frank Anenberg Park for a lovely picnic filled with laughter, fun, delicious food and wonderful company. Chuck Murphy, our host, sounded the air horn for the departure to our next stop. Little did some of us know this might be our "last supper."

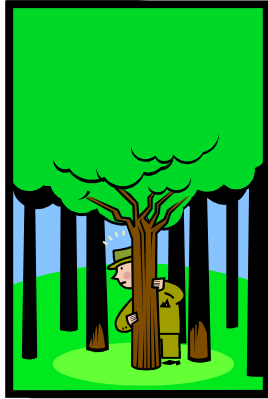
The real life networking began when 25 innocent and unsuspecting souls armed with cell phones, flip flops, shorts and sandals ventured onto a beautiful air-conditioned tour bus bound for our next excursion known as the Konza Prairie Trail. Several folks probably read the warning sign stating "no bicycles or dogs allowed" however three of us must have missed the FINE PRINT stating, "enter at your own risk and bring your own survival kit."

As we passed poison ivy, a variety of grasses, numerous flowers and bridges over dry creek beds, we came upon our first and only official resting stop. This is where you could catch your breath, take a little time to socialize or if you wanted to experience the great outdoor wilderness, a modern "porta-potty" was there for your disposal.

The stone house and barn we discovered was a beauty, but shortly afterwards a fork in the trail appeared, diminishing our 25 brave souls down to 12. What a dilemma, which way to go? Our official map reader, said "go left. This is the way," but

some felt go right, into the "do not enter zone," was the way to go, but majority rules as in most everything in life, so off to the left we went. Somewhat tired, bewildered and drained of energy, we continued on the trail and to think to ourselves, "we can make it."

A short time later but already deep into the wooded area, we discovered our trail had taken on a new appearance beneath our feet. What once was a rocky path had become muddy ruts, very uneven terrain, and a path of weeds ankle deep. As the sun was setting in the west, our "hour walk" had exceeded its time limit.



Without any warning our leaders had turned around, and began walking back towards us, stating "this is the wrong way and we need to go back." Passing us our group had narrowed itself down to seven exhausted, mosquitoes and tick bitten, aggravated, sweaty stinky women. As a feeling of despair blanketed us the thought occurred to us maybe we should call 911 for assistance. Imagine our disappointment and utter disbelief when the 911 dispatcher questioned repeatedly about our location and request for help. The dispatcher promptly transferred our call to Geary County, and when the monotone automated voice stated "you have reached a wrong number" it then simply hung up on us.

By now two of the remaining straggling members faithfully trudged forward to seek help. The lone three survivors had nothing else to do but draw strength from each other and move onward. At dusk, we thought we saw or heard many lions, tigers and bears, "oh my!" but not to worry it was only wild turkeys and an occasional wild donkey! With only determination and pure guts to guide us we crept until we returned to the modern portapotty. After a very brief rest, we knew without a doubt "we can make it" as we were being surrounded by darkness. As we rounded a curve we could barely see our knights in not so shiny armor coming towards us armed with only a small container of water! What? No four wheeler?, wheel chairs? or gurneys?! It looked as if we would have to finish this adventure by walking! Not even a piggy-back ride was offered. As we rounded the last curve we could here the faint hum of the bus and verbal cheers of encouragement from our peers (that had been waiting over an hour for their ride to Aggieville). Only then did we truly believe

that "we could make it." Crawling onto the air-conditioned bus, the last three whipped survivors thought they had left Geary County and gone to heaven.

In all seriousness, a valuable lesson was learned about how just ill prepared we all are for all types of emergencies and that the human body can adapt to do anything (even if you are half dead). Public health personnel are special people who can bond anytime, anyplace, anywhere, day or night!

Revised-Submitted by the last three Konza Survivors,

Kim and Kathy Rush County Health Department
Juanita, Thomas County Health Department
June 21, 2004

CONFERENCES

2004 Kansas Environment Conference



Elk Falls - photo by David King

The 2004 Environment Conference sponsored by Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Environment, will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park, August 31-September 2. The conference will provide updates on environmental issues, new technologies, regulatory information and pollution prevention. Deadline for registration is August 25. Please make your own hotel reservations by calling (913) 451-6100. If you have questions or need further information about the conference, please contact Ricquelle Landis at (785) 296-6603.

Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect



28th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, sponsored by Kansas Children's Service League, will be October 6 - 8, at The Hyatt Regency

Wichita, 400 W. Waterman, Wichita, KS. Deadline for Early Registration is September 15. For more information please call 785-274-3100 ext. 521 or email: rake@kcsl.org.

Kansas Public Health Association

Leading the Way to a Healthier Kansas

Mark your calendar for the KPHA Conference on September 27-29, in Topeka, KS. Registration materials will be posted on this Web site in August http://www.kpha.bluestep.net/shared/layouts/singleblock.jsp?event=view&id=120130_c_sU128181_s_i167506.

TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency Training

Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its fourth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its second year for cultural competency training. KDHE, OLRH, will sponsor six medical interpreter and six cultural competency training sessions this coming year. KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:



Medical Interpreter Training Schedule

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to

train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

Central Kansas

Newman Regional Health
1201 West 12th, Emporia
Continuing Education Classroom, 2nd Floor
Enter from the Visitors Entrance
September 9-10 and 15-17 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Northwest Kansas

Colby Community College
1255 S Range Ave, Colby
Student Union, Room 107 (SE corner of the building)
October 4-8 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Northeast Kansas

Lawrence Memorial Hospital
325 Maine, Lawrence
Room "D" Nov. 4-5 - Room "A" Nov. 10-12
November 4-5, 10-12 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

North Central Kansas

Mercy Regional Health Center
1823 College Ave, Manhattan
February 10-11 & 16-18, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City
Area SRS Building
April 18 - 22, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

SC Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Wichita
Sunflower Room 2202
June 6-10 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.



Topeka - October 14-15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Kaw Area Tech School - Room C-D
5724 SW Huntoon Street, Topeka

Pittsburg - January 25 -26, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Pittsburg Municipal Auditorium
503 N. Pine, Pittsburg

Wichita - February 22-23 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita
1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room, Wichita

Hays - March 21-22 from 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Fort Hays State University
600 Park Street, Fort Hays
Memorial Union, College Drive, Trails Room

Salina - March 23-24 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Catholic Charities
425 W. Iron, Salina
Board Room

Dodge City - April 14-15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Western Plains Medical Complex
108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City
Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

NE Regional Billing Workshop

The next workshop for the NE Regional Billing group will be Thursday, August 5 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Curtis State Office Building, Azure Conference Room (4th Floor), 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka.

Healthy Start Home Visitor

Fall Regional Training 2004
9 a.m.–Noon and 1:30 to 3p.m.



9-21-04 SW – Satanta

Centera Bank, Fiesta Room
218 N Sequoyah
Satanta - Haskell County
620-675-2236

10-5-04 NW – Gove

Gove County Health Department
520 Washington
Gove - Gove County

10-26-04 SC – St. John

I.O.O.F. Hall
700 E 1st Avenue
St. John - Stafford County
620-549-3504

11-30-04 SE – Coffeyville

First Baptist Church Office Complex
9th & Willow
Coffeyville - Montgomery County
620-251-4210

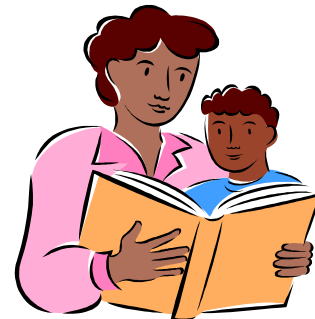
12-7-04 NC – Ellsworth

Ellsworth County Health Department
1603 N Aylward Avenue
Ellsworth - Ellsworth County
785-472-4488

12-9-04 NE – Oskaloosa

Jeff. Co. Law Enforcement Annex
1230 Walnut – US Hwy 59
Oskaloosa - Jefferson County
785-863-2447

For questions or further information contact: Christine Tuck, RN, Child Health Consultant, 785-296-7433 ctuck@kdhe.state.ks.us or Joe Kotsch, RN, Perinatal Health Consultant, 785-296-1305 jkotsch@kdhe.state.ks.us



GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to Public Health Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at:

<http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm>.

Kansas Division of Emergency Management:

<http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/trainingnew.htm>



**Public Health Training Network Satellite
Downlinks/Webcasts**

See PHTN Web site at www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn to view a complete list of satellite downlinks and webcasts. Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

August 2004

08/04/04 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Lactation and Contraception <i>(Public Health Staff Development)</i> For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
08/11/04 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	2004 Infection Control & Lab Update <i>(Public Health Staff Development)</i> For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
08/12/04 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness presents Chemical Agents of Opportunity for Terrorism For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn .
08/19/04 8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.	Immunization Update 2004 To View course overview.
08/19/04 Noon- 1:30 p.m.	Radiological Terrorism Satellite Conference For more information, contact Video

Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <http://www.adph.org/alphtn>.

08/24/04
2:00-4:00
p.m.

The Behavioral Health Response to Disasters Satellite Conference

For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit <http://www.adph.org/alphtn>.

To Order Tapes/CD's:

Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:
<http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

CDC BT programs:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: <http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing>

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:
http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN:
http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnh_omepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Program- e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: <http://www.RNCE.org>

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: <http://www.waldcenter.org>

The Public Health Training Network:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp>

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:
<http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us>. Click on the calendar you wish to view.

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings
<http://www.trainingfinder.org>.

The MMWR Continuing Education Program:
<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr>

MPH Kansas: <http://mph.kumc.edu>.

National Library of Medicine –
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>.

CDC BT Training –
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp>

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center: <http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare>

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness: <http://slu.edu/centers/heartland>

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp>

Public Health Training Centers:
<http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:
<http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp>

Public Health Workforce Competencies

International Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education (INCMCE) – competencies: <http://www.incmce.org>

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:
<http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html>

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.
<http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm>

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